

The FCC's recent amendment to its regulations regarding faxed communications would severely hurt nonprofit trade and professional associations across the country. While the purpose of the amendment appears to be sound, i.e., the national "Do Not Call" list, the proposed changes also would prevent nonprofit associations from sending faxed communications to their own members without first having their prior written permission. Nonprofit associations rely on faxed communications for daily communications. The changes are effective August 25, 2003 unless some administrative action is taken immediately to further amend the regulations so that this terrible, unintended consequence can be avoided.